

REMARKS

Interview summary: LeRoy Maunu, Reg. No., 35,274, interviewed Examiner Colin on May 10, 2006. The limitations of claim 1 were discussed relative to the cited prior art. No agreement was reached in regards to the allowability of claim 1. However, the limitations set forth in amended Claims 1 and 12 were discussed and understood to distinguish over the cited prior art.

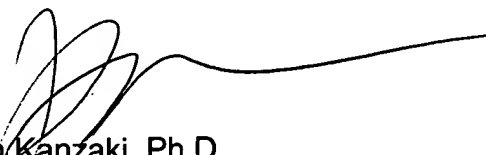
Claims 1 and 12 are amended for purposes of expediting prosecution. Support for the limitations is illustrated in the example embodiments described in paragraph 32 of the specification. Claims 1-4, 7, 12-13 15, and 21 remain for consideration and are thought to be allowable over the cited art. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant maintains the traversal of the rejection of Claims 1-4, 7, 12-13, 15 and 21 are unpatentable under 35 USC §103(a) over "Erickson" (U.S. Patent No. 5,970,142 to Erickson) in view of "IBM-RNG" (IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin "Integrated Circuit Compatible Random Number Generator") as set forth in the response filed March 14, 2006. However, the rejection is now moot in view of the amendments to the claims. Therefore, the rejection of Claims 1-4, 7, 12-13, 15, and 21 should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks presented above. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

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